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SUBJECT: JOINT US-SPANISH COMMUNIQUE, ROUND 8 OF BASE TALKS

1. TEXT OF JOINT US-SPANISH COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED AT CONCLUSION OF ROUND 8 OF BASE TALKS ON JULY 23, FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: A) "THE EIGHTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES TOOK PLACE IN WASHINGTON FROM JULY 21 TO JULY 23. AS IN EARLIER ROUNDS, THE SPANISH DELEGATION WAS LED BY UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUAN JOSE ROVIRA, AND THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ROBERT J. MCCLOSKEY. THE AMBASSADOR OF SPAIN IN WASHINGTON, HIS EXCELLENCY JAIME ALBA, PARTICIPATED AS A MEMBER OF THE SPANISH DELEGATION.

B) THE TWO DELEGATIONS CONTINUED THEIR WORK ON THE KEY ASPECTS OF THE DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TWO DELEGATION HEADS ALSO DISCUSSED IN PRIVATE THESE AND OTHER MATTERS, INCLUDING THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY WORKING GROUPS ACTING UNDER THEIR DIRECTION.

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C) THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY MATTERS, ONE OF THE WORKING GROUPS, REVIEWED IN DETAIL A PRESENTATION MADE BY THE

SPANISH DELEGATION AT THE PREVIOUS ROUND REGARDING SPAIN'S PLANS FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF ITS ARMED FORCES. SPECIAL TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REGARDING PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING ANNEXES TO THE EVENTUAL AGREEMENT WERE CONSIDERED BY ANOTHER GROUP OF EXPERTS.

D) IN THE INTEREST OF FURTHER FACILITATING PROGRESS, IT WAS AGREED THAT WORK AT THE EXPERT LEVEL WOULD CONTINUE IN THE INTERVAL BEFORE THE NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT A GROUP ON TAXES AND CUSTOMS WILL MEET IN MADRID ON AUGUST 4.

E) THE DELEGATIONS AGREED TO HOLD THE NINTH ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MADRID ON AUGUST 18." END TEXT. KISSINGER

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